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April 1, 2009

Ms. Jill Roehrig Olson  
Executive Director  
Kona Historical Society  
P.O. Box 398  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Ms. Olson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Strong Foundation, I wish to advise you that a grant in the amount of \$100,000 was authorized at their recent meeting for assistance with the purchase of the Heritage Ranch Site (match stipulated by State of Hawaii, Legacy Land Conservation Program). A check for this amount is enclosed with this letter.

This grant is to be used only for the purpose designated. If there is any change in the nature of the purpose for which these funds were granted, please contact me before expending the funds.

Next year, a brief summary is to be submitted to the Foundation on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> (or annually until the project is completed). This summary should delineate how the funds were expended and should outline the success (or lack thereof) of the program. Failure to submit this report may impact decisions about future grant requests.

Grants from the Strong Foundation are limited to no more than once every three years. Therefore, you will not be eligible for another grant until the year 2012.

The Board is very pleased to provide your organization with assistance; however, they request that **no public acknowledgment be made of grant awards**. If you have any questions, please contact me at 694-4540.

Very truly yours,



Marilynn M. Matsumoto  
Secretary

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cc: Henry Rice

# KILO 'AINA

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10 May 2004

Mr. Sherwood R. H. Greenwell, President  
Kona Historical Society  
P. O. Box  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Sir:

In response to the request of your Executive Assistant, Mrs. Ku'ulani Auld, I have searched for archaeological features on the parcel identified as TMK 8-1-004:portion 52, situated in Kalukalu, South Kona, Hawai'i. It adjoins the existing Greenwell Store Museum complex on the south, as shown on the plan, where it is proposed to develop historic exhibits relating to ranching.

The subject parcel is a portion of Royal Patent Grant 787, purchased from the Hawaiian Government in 1852 by H. N. Greenwell. Historic records indicate the parcel has been used primarily for livestock purposes since then. Modern stone fences bound the site on all sides and a cattle loading chute adjoined the Old Greenwell Store building at the north side of the project area until a few years ago when the entire parcel was grubbed. The existing vegetation consists primarily of forage grasses.

The parcel is situated at about 1500 feet elevation on soil classified by the Soil Conservation Service as Honuaula Series, "well drained silty clay loams that formed in volcanic ash....and receive from 60 to 80 inches of rainfall annually, mostly during the summer months." (Sato 1973:19) These soils were ideally suited to cultivation by the aboriginal Hawaiian farmers who raised taro, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, bananas and breadfruit in this area. In historic times, since 1778, such land has been used commercially for sugar cane and for orchard crops such as coffee and citrus as well as for pasture.

The parcel is within the area designated the "Kona Field System" by the State Historic Preservation Office (HRHP 10-37-6601), which has been found eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The "Kona Field System" consists of prehistoric, intensively cultivated fields and gardens defined by windrows of loose stone, locally termed "kuaiwi", placed across the contours at intervals of 10 to 20 meters in soils formed in volcanic ash. These features occupied much of the central portion of the Kona Districts, between the present villages of Kailua and Captain Cook, and supported a large population in prehistoric

While the parcel was undoubtedly cultivated by Hawaiian tenants in the centuries prior to its sale by the Government, any agricultural features which might have been there have been obliterated by cattle and recent bulldozing. There is no trace of prehistoric or historic habitation, nor of graves. It is comparable to the parcel adjoining on the southwest where the new Konawaena Elementary School was recently constructed, and where the expected archaeological features were recorded. (Wolforth 1998)

Very truly yours,

*Lloyd J. Soehren*

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Consulting archaeologist

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Our Letter Dated: October

APPENDIX E  
IRS LETTER

Person to Contact: Norma

Contact Telephone Number:

Kona Historical Society  
P.O. Box 308  
Capital .. 96704

Gentlemen:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization which is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1)\*. Your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Code is still in effect.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination until the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, a grantor or a contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(1)\* status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1)\* organization.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Carme 

District Director

section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)